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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 22, 2005, Applicants first thank the Examiner for her teleconference of June 13, 2005, with Caliper Life Sciences attorney Donald McKenna. Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute claims in Group I (Claims 1–14). This election is made without traverse. To simplify prosecution of this case, Applicants are canceling claims 15–24, while retaining the right to pursue those claims in a divisional application. The cancellation of the non-elected claims does not necessitate an amendment to the inventorship.

In response to the teleconference of June 13, 2005, claims 1–14 have been cancelled, and the claims in Group 1 have been rewritten. New claims 25–38 are drawn solely to the elected invention of Group 1. No claims are drawn to the nonelected inventions of Groups II and III.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims appended to this paper. These claims are offered as a preliminary amendment prior to any action on the merits of the claims. No new matter is added by the amendment. New claims 25–30 and 32–38 are drawn to the same subject matter as original claims 1–14. New claim 31 replaces original claim 9 in describing positioning of a microfluidic chip in the system. Support for this claim can be found on page 6, lines 26–29, and page 12, lines 3–7, of the specification, as well as in Figure 3.

Appl. No. 10/084,245
Reply to Office Action of June 22, 2005

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for early examination, and action toward that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite the examination of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the total of any fee due in this matter to Deposit Account No. 03-0177, referencing Docket No. 100/14910.

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